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6. Odd story; filly tale.
I never may believe
These antick fables, nor these fairy toys. *Shakespeare.*
7. Frolick; humour; odd fancy.
Shall that which hath always received this construction, be
now disguised with a toy of novelty. *Hesker, b. v.*
The very place puts toys of desperation,
Without more motive, into every brain,
That looks for many fathoms to the sea,
And hears it roar beneath. *Shakespeare. Hamlet.*
- TOY. *v. n.* [from the noun.] To trifle; to dally amou-
ously; to play.
- TOYISH. *adj.* [from *toy*.] Trifling; wanton.
- TOYISHNESS. *n. f.* [from *toyish*.] Nugacity; wantonness.
- Your society will discredit that *toyishness* of wanton fancy,
that plays tricks with words, and frolics with the caprices
of frothy imagination. *Glanville's Scip.*
- TOYSHOP. *n. f.* [from *toy* and *shop*.] A shop where playthings and
little nice manufactures are sold.
- Fans, silks, ribbands, laces, and gewgaws, lay so thick
together, that the heart was nothing else but a *toyshop*. *Add.*
With varying vanities from every part,
They shift the moving *toyshop* of their heart. *Pope.*
- TO TOZE. *v. n.* [See *TOWSE* and *TEASE*.] To pull by vio-
lence or importunity.
- Think'st thou, for that I insinuate, or *toze* from thee thy
business, I am therefore no courtier? *Shakespeare.*
- TRACE. *v. f.* [from *traces*, Fr. *traccia*, Italian.]
1. Mark left by any thing passing; footstep.
These as a line their long dimension drew,
Striking the ground with sinuous *traces*. *Milton.*
2. Remain; appearance of what has been.
The people of these countries are reported to have lived
like the beasts among them, without any *traces* of orders,
laws, or religion. *Temple.*
- There are not the least *traces* of it to be met, the greatest
part of the ornaments being taken from Trajan's arch, and
let up to the conqueror. *Addison on Italy.*
- The shady empire shall retain no *trace*
Of war, or blood, but in the Sylvan chase. *Pope.*
3. [From *trasser*, French; *trasser*, traces.] Harness for beasts
of draught.
- Her waggon spokes made of long spinner's legs;
The covers, of the wings of grasshoppers;
The *traces*, of the smallest spider's web. *Shakespeare.*
- The labour'd ox
In his loose *traces* from the furrow came. *Milton.*
- While lab'ring oxen, spent with toil and heat,
In their loose *traces* from the field retreat. *Pope.*
- Twelve young mules,
New to the plough, unpractis'd in the *traces*. *Pope's Ody.*
- TO TRACE. *v. a.* [from *traces*, Fr. *tracciare*, Italian.]
1. To follow by the footstep, or remaining marks.
I feel thy power to *trace* the ways
Of highest agents. *Milton.*
- You may *trace* the deluge quite round the globe in profane
history, and every one of these people have a tale to tell
concerning the reformation. *Burnet's Theory of the Earth.*
- They do but *trace* over the paths beaten by the ancients,
or comment, crick, or flourish upon them. *Temple.*
- To this haste of the mind a not due *tracing* of the argu-
ments to their true foundation is owing. *Locke.*
2. To follow with exactness.
That servile path thou nobly dost decline,
Of *tracing* word by word, and line by line. *Denham.*
3. To mark out.
He allows the soul power to *trace* images on the brain, and
perceive them. *Locke.*
- His pen can *trace* out a true quotation. *Swift.*
4. To walk over.
Men as they *trace*,
Both feet and face one way are wont to lead. *Fa. Qu.*
- We do *trace* this alley up and down. *Shakespeare.*
- TRACER. *n. f.* [from *trace*.] One that traces.
- Ambassadors should not be held the *tracers* of a plot of
such malice. *Howell.*
- TRACK. *n. f.* [from *trac*, old French; *traccia*, Italian.]
1. Mark left upon the way by the foot or otherwise.
Following the track of Satan. *Milton.*
- Hung by the neck and hair, and dragg'd around,
The hostile spear yet sticking in his wound,
With *tracks* of blood inscrib'd the dusty ground. *Dryden.*
- Consider the exterior frame of the globe, if we may find
any *tracks* or footstep of wisdom in its constitution. *Bentley.*
2. A road; a beaten path.
With *track* oblique fide along he works his way. *Milton.*
- Behold Torquatus the same track pursue,
And next, the two devoted Decii view. *Dryden's Æn.*
- TO TRACK. *v. a.* [from the noun.] To follow by the foot-
step or marks left in the way.
As shepherd's cur that in dark evening's shade
Hath *tracked* forth some savage beast's *track*. *Fa. Qu.*

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- He was not only a professed imitator of Horace, but a
learned plagiarist in all the others; you *track* him everywhere
in their flow. *Dryden.*
- TRA'CKLESS. *adj.* [from *track*.] Untrodden; marked with no
footstep.
- Loft in *trackless* fields of shining day,
Unable to discern the way,
Which Nafau's virtue only cou'd explore. *Prior.*
- TRACT. *n. f.* [from *tractus*, Lat.]
1. Any kind of extended substance.
2. A region; a quantity of land.
Only there are some *tracts* which, by high mountains, are
barred from air and fresh wind. *Raleigh.*
- Heav'n hides nothing from thy view,
Nor the deep *tract* of hell. *Milton.*
- Monte Circeo, by Homer called insula Æea, is a very
high mountain joined to the main land by a narrow *tract* of
earth.
3. Continuity; any thing protracted, or drawn out to length.
The myrtle flourisheth still; and wonderful it is that for
so long a *tract* of time she should still continue fresh. *Howell.*
- Your bodies may at last turn all to spirit,
Improv'd by *tract* of time, and wing'd ascend
Ethereal as we. *Milton.*
- As in *tract* of speech a dubious word is easily known by
the coherence with the rest, and a dubious letter by the whole
word; so may a deaf person, having competent knowledge
of language, by an acute sagacity by some more evident
word discerned by his eye, know the sense. *Holder.*
4. Course; manner of proceed; unless it means, in this place,
rather, discourse; explanation.
- The *tract* of every thing
Would, by a good discourse, lose some life
Which action's self was tongue to. *Shakespeare. Henry VIII.*
5. It seems to be used by *Shakespeare* for *tract*.
The weary sun hath made a golden set,
And, by the bright *tract* of his fiery car,
Gives signal of a goodly day to-morrow. *Shakespeare.*
6. [From *tractatus*, Lat.] A treatise; a small book.
The church clergy at that time writ the best collection of
tracts against popery that ever appeared. *Swift.*
- TRA'CTABLE. *adj.* [from *tractabilis*, Lat. *tractable*, Fr.]
1. Manageable; docile; compliant; obsequious; practicable;
governable.
- For moderation of those affections growing from the very
natural bitterness and gall of adversity, the scripture much
alleged contrary fruit, which affliction likewise hath, when-
soever it falleth on them that are *tractable*, the grace of God's
holy spirit concurring therewith. *Heater, b. v.*
- Noble Ajax, you are as strong, as valiant, as wise, no
less noble, much more gentle, and altogether more *tractable*.
Shakespeare. Troilus and Cressida.
- Tractable obedience is a slave
To each incensed will. *Shakespeare. Henry VII.*
- If thou dost find him *tractable* to us,
Encourage him, and tell him all our reasons;
If he be leaden, icy, cold, unwilling,
Be thou so too. *Shakespeare. Rich. III.*
- As those who are bent to do wickedly will never want
tempters to urge them on in an evil course; so those who
yield themselves *tractable* to good motions, will find the spirit
of God more ready to encourage them. *Tillotson's Sermons.*
- If a strict hand be kept over children from the beginning,
they will in that age be *tractable*, and quietly submit to it.
Locke on Education.
2. Palpable; such as may be handled.
The other measures are of continued quantity visible, and
for the most part *tractable*; whereas time is always transient,
neither to be seen nor felt. *Holder on Time.*
- TRA'CTABLENESS. *n. f.* [from *tractable*.] The state of being
tractable; compliance; obsequiousness.
- It will be objected, that whatsoever I fancy of childrens
tractableness, yet many will never apply. *Locke.*
- TRA'CTATE. *n. f.* [from *tractatus*, Latin.] A treatise; a tract; a
small book.
- Though philosophical *tractates* make enumeration of au-
thors, yet are their reasons usually introduced. *Brown.*
- We need no other evidence than Glanville's *tractate*. *Howell.*
- TRA'CTION. *n. f.* [from *tractus*, Lat.] The act of drawing;
the state of being drawn.
- The malleus being fixed to an extensible membrane, fol-
lows the *traction* of the muscle, and is drawn inwards to
bring the terms of that line nearer in proportion as it is
curved, and so gives a tension to the tympanum. *Holder.*
- TRA'CTILE. *n. f.* [from *tractus*, Lat.] Capable to be drawn out or
extended in length; ductile.
- The confistences of bodies are very divers; fragile, tough;
flexible, inflexible; *tractile*, or to be drawn forth in length;
intractable. *Bacon's Nat. Hist. No. 839.*
- TRA'CTILITY. *adj.* [from *tractile*.] The quality of being *tractile*.
Silver.

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- Silver, whose ductility and *tractility* are much inferior to
those of gold, was drawn out to so slender a wire, that a
single grain amounted to twenty-seven feet. *Derham.*
- TRADE. *n. f.* [from *trata*, Italian.]
1. Traffic; commerce; exchange of goods for other goods;
or for money.
- Whoever commands the sea, commands the *trade*; who-
soever commands the *trade* of the world, commands the
riches of the world, and consequently the world itself. *Raf.*
- Trade* increases in one place and decays in another. *Temple.*
2. Occupation; particular employment whether manual or
mercantile, distinguished from the liberal arts or learned pro-
fessions.
- Appoint to every one that is not able to live of his
freehold a certain *trade* of life; the which *trade* he shall be
bound to follow. *Spenser on Ireland.*
- How dizzy! half way down
Hangs one that gathers samphire, dreadful *trade*. *Shakespeare.*
- Till mountebank their loves, and come home below'd
Of all the *trades* in Rome. *Shakespeare. Coriolanus.*
- Fear and piety,
Instruction, manners, mysteries, and *trades*,
Decline to your confounding contraries. *Shakespeare.*
- The rude Equicola
Hunting their sport, and purple ring was their *trade*. *Dryden.*
- Fight under him; there's plunder to be had;
A captain is a very gainful *trade*. *Dryden's Juv.*
- The whole division that to Mars pertains,
All *trades* of death, that deal in steel for gains. *Dryden.*
- The emperor Pertinax applied himself in his youth to a
gainful *trade*; his father, judging him fit for a better em-
ployment, had a mind to turn his education another way;
the son was obstinate in pursuing so profitable a *trade*, a sort
of merchandise of wood. *Arbutnot on Coins.*
3. Instruments of any occupation.
- The shepherd bears
His house and household gods, his *trade* of war,
His bow and quiver, and his trusty cur. *Dryden's Virgil.*
4. Any employment not manual; habitual exercise.
Call some of young years to train them up in that *trade*;
and so fit them for weighty affairs. *Bacon.*
- TO TRADE. *v. n.* [from the noun.]
1. To traffic; to deal; to hold commerce.
He commanded these servants to be called, to know how
much every man had gained by *trading*. *Luke xix. 15.*
- Delos, a sacred place, grew a free port, where nations
warring with one another resorted with their goods, and
traded. *Arbutnot on Coins.*
- Maximinius *traded* with the Goths in the product of his
estate in Thracia. *Arbutnot.*
2. To act merely for money.
Saucy and overbold! how did you dare
To *trade* and traffic with Macheth,
In riddles and affairs of death? *Shakespeare. Macbeth.*
3. Having a trading wind.
They on the *trading* flood ply tow'd the pole. *Milton.*
- TO TRADE. *v. a.* To sell or exchange in commerce.
They were thy merchants: they *traded* the persons of
men and vessels of boats in thy market. *Ezek. xxvii. 13.*
- TRADE-WIND. *n. f.* [from *trade* and *wind*.] The monsoon; the
periodical wind between the tropics.
- Thus to the eastern wealth through forms we go,
But now, the Cape once doubled, fear no more;
A constant *trade-wind* will securely blow,
And gently lay us on the spicy shore. *Dryden.*
- His were the projects of perpetuum mobiles, and of in-
creasing the *trade-wind* by vast plantations of reeds. *Arbutnot.*
- Comfortable is the *trade-wind* to the equatorial parts, with-
out which life would be both short and grievous. *Cheyne.*
- TRA'DED. *adj.* [from *trade*.] Veried; practised.
Trust not those cunning waters of his eyes;
For villainy is not without such a reum:
And he long *traded* in it makes it seem
Like rivers of remorse and innocence. *Shakespeare.*
- Eyes and ears,
Two *traded* pilots 'twixt the dangerous shores
Of will and judgment. *Shakespeare. Troilus and Cressida.*
- TRA'DER. *n. f.* [from *trade*.]
1. One engaged in merchandise or commerce.
Pilgrims are going to Canterbury with rich offerings, and
traders riding to London with fat purses. *Shakespeare. Henry IV.*
- Now the victory's won,
We return to our lazes like fortunate *traders*,
Triumphant with spoils. *Dryden.*
- Many *traders* will necessitate merchants to trade for less
profits, and consequently be more frugal. *Child on Trade.*
- That day *traders* sum up the accounts of the week. *Swift.*
2. One long used in the methods of money getting; a practi-
tioner.
- TRA'DESFOLK. *n. f.* [from *trade* and *folk*.] People employed in
trades.
By his advice victuallers and *tradesfolk* would soon get all
the money of the kingdom into their hands. *Swift.*

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- TRA'DESMAN. *n. f.* [from *trade* and *man*.] A shopkeeper. A mer-
chant is called a *trader*, but not a *tradesman*; and it seems
distinguished in *Shakespeare* from a man that labours with his
hands.
I live by the awl, I meddle with no *tradesmen's* matters. *Shakespeare.*
- They rather had beheld
Diffident numbers peering streets; than see
Our *tradesmen* singing in their shops, and going
About their functions. *Shakespeare. Coriolanus.*
- Order a *trade* thither and thence to as some few merchants
and *tradesmen*, under colour of furnishing the colony with ne-
cessaries, may not grind them. *Bacon.*
- Tradesmen* might conjecture what things they were like to
have in their respective dealings. *Grant.*
- M. Jordain would not be thought a *tradesman*, but order-
ed some silk to be measured out to his partner's friends; now
I give up my shop. *Prior.*
- From a plain *tradesman* with a shop, he is now grown a
very rich country gentleman. *Arbutnot. Hist. of J. Ball.*
- Domesticks in a gentleman's family have more opportunities
of improving their minds, than the ordinary *tradesmen*. *Swift.*
- Boastful and rough, your first son is a quack;
The next a *tradesman*, meek and much a liar. *Pope's Ep.*
- TRA'DEFUL. *adj.* [from *trade* and *full*.] Commercial; busy in *tradi-*
tion.
- Ye *tradeful* merchants that with weary toil
Do seek most precious things to make your gain,
And both the Indies of their treasure spoil,
What needeth you to seek so far in vain. *Spenser.*
- TRADITION. *n. f.* [from *traditio*, Fr. *traditio*, Lat.]
1. The act or practice of delivering accounts from mouth to
mouth without written memorials; communication from age
to age.
To learn it we have *tradition*; namely, that so we be-
lieve, because both we from our predecessors, and they from
theirs, have so received. *Hooker, b. iii.*
2. Any thing delivered orally from age to age.
They the truth
With superstitions and *traditions* taint,
Left only in those written records pure. *Milton.*
- Our old solemnities
From no blind zeal, or fond *tradition* rise;
But far'd from death, our Argives yearly pay
These grateful honours to the God of day. *Pope's Statius.*
- TRADITIONAL. *adj.* [from *tradition*.]
1. Delivered by tradition; descending by oral communication;
transmitted by the foregoing to the following age.
Whence may we have the infallible *traditional* sense of
scripture, if not from the heads of their church? *Tillotson.*
- If there be any difference in natural parts, it should seem
the advantage lies on the side of children born from wealthy
parents, the same *traditional* cloth and luxury which render
their body weak, perhaps refining their spirits. *Swift.*
2. Oblivant of traditions, or idle rites. Not used, nor proper.
God forbid
We should infringe the holy privilege
Of sanctuary!
You are too senseless obtinate, my lord;
Too ceremonious and *traditional*. *Shakespeare. Rich. II.*
- TRADITIONALLY. *adv.* [from *traditional*.]
1. By transmission from age to age.
There is another channel wherein this doctrine is *tradi-*
tionally derived from Saint John, namely, from the clergy of
Asia. *Burnet's Theory of the Earth.*
2. From tradition without evidence of written memorials.
It crosteth the proverb, and Rome might well be built in
a day, if that were true which is *traditionally* related by
Strabo, that the great cities Anchiale and Tarsus were built
by Sardanapalus both in one day. *Brown's Vulgar Err.*
- TRADITIONARY. *adj.* [from *tradition*.] Delivered by tradi-
tion.
- Suppose the same *traditionary* strain
Of rigid manners in the house remain,
Inveterate truths, an old plain Sabine's heart. *Dryden.*
- Oral tradition is more uncertain, especially if we may take
that to be the *traditionary* sense of texts of scripture. *Tillotson.*
- The fame of our Saviour, which in so few years had gone
through the whole earth, was confirmed and perpetuated by
such records as would preserve the *traditionary* account of him
to after-ages. *Addison on the Christian Religion.*
- TRADITIVE. *adj.* [from *traditio*, Fr. from *trades*, Latin.] Trans-
mitted or transmissible from age to age.
Suppose we on things *traditive* divide,
And both appeal to scripture to decide. *Dryd. H. and Pent.*
- TO TRADUCE. *v. a.* [from *traduco*, Lat. *traduire*, Fr.]
1. To censure; to condemn; to represent as blameable; to
calumniate; to decry.
- The best stratagem that Satan hath, who knoweth his
kingdom to be no one way more shaken than by the publick
devout prayers of God's church, is by *traducing* the form and
manner of them, to bring them into contempt, and so slack
the force of all mens devotion towards them. *Hooker, b. v.*
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